GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BRINGING BACK PERSONAL BELONGINGS OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS
MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have held any talks with Pakistan for bringing back personal belongings of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Sukhdeo and Rajguru from there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Pakistan thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government had requested Government of Pakistan to return the personal effects of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Sukhdeo and Rajguru. Government of Pakistan, however, informed that concerned authorities had indicated their inability to locate the articles as the jail in which Shaheed Bhagat Singh and others were hanged in 1931 was demolished and all records of temporary nature were destroyed.